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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

AMELIA PEREZ and DANIEL  
PEREZ,

Plaintiffs,

vs.

GOODLEAP, LLC; and DOES 1  
through 20, inclusive,

Defendants.

**Case No. 5:24-cv-00075-SSS-SPx**  
**STIPULATED PROTECTIVE**  
**ORDER**

**1 A. PURPOSES AND LIMITATIONS**

Disclosure and discovery activity in this action are likely to involve  
production of confidential, proprietary, or private information for which special  
protection from public disclosure and from use for any purpose other than

1 prosecuting this litigation may be warranted. Accordingly, the parties hereby  
2 stipulate to and petition the Court to enter the following Stipulated Protective Order.  
3 The parties acknowledge that this Order does not confer blanket protections on all  
4 disclosures or responses to discovery and that the protection it affords from public  
5 disclosure and use extends only to the limited information or items that are entitled  
6 to confidential treatment under the applicable legal principles. The parties further  
7 acknowledge, as set forth in Section 12.3, below, that this Stipulated Protective  
8 Order does not entitle them to file confidential information under seal; Civil Local  
9 Rule 79-5 sets forth the procedures that must be followed and the standards that will  
10 be applied when a party seeks permission from the court to file material under seal.

11 **B. GOOD CAUSE STATEMENT**

12 This action is likely to involve trade secrets, customer and pricing lists and  
13 other valuable research, development, commercial, financial, technical and/or  
14 proprietary information for which special protection from public disclosure and from  
15 use for any purpose other than prosecution of this action is warranted. Such  
16 confidential and proprietary materials and information consist of, among other  
17 things, confidential business or financial information, information regarding  
18 confidential business practices, or other confidential research, development, or  
19 commercial information (including information implicating privacy rights of third  
20 parties), information otherwise generally unavailable to the public, or which may be  
21 privileged or otherwise protected from disclosure under state or federal statutes,  
22 court rules, case decisions, or common law. Accordingly, to expedite the flow of  
23 information, to facilitate the prompt resolution of disputes over confidentiality of  
24 discovery materials, to adequately protect information the parties are entitled to keep  
25 confidential, to ensure that the parties are permitted reasonable necessary uses of  
26 such material in preparation for and in the conduct of trial, to address their handling  
27 at the end of the litigation, and serve the ends of justice, a protective order for such  
28 information is justified in this matter. It is the intent of the parties that information

1 will not be designated as confidential for tactical reasons and that nothing be so  
2 designated without a good faith belief that it has been maintained in a confidential,  
3 non-public manner, and there is good cause why it should not be part of the public  
4 record of this case.

## 5 **2 DEFINITIONS**

6 2.1 Action: This pending federal lawsuit.

7 2.2 Challenging Party: a Party or Non-Party that challenges the designation  
8 of information or items under this Order.

9 2.3 “CONFIDENTIAL” Information or Items: information (regardless of  
10 how it is generated, stored or maintained) or tangible things that qualify for  
11 protection under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 26(c).

12 2.4 Counsel: Outside Counsel of Record and House Counsel (as well as  
13 their support staff).

14 2.5 Designating Party: a Party or Non-Party that designates information or  
15 items that it produces in disclosures or in responses to discovery as  
16 “CONFIDENTIAL.”

17 2.6 Disclosure or Discovery Material: all items or information, regardless  
18 of the medium or manner in which it is generated, stored, or maintained (including,  
19 among other things, testimony, transcripts, and tangible things), that are produced or  
20 generated in disclosures or responses to discovery in this matter.

21 2.7 Expert: a person with specialized knowledge or experience in a matter  
22 pertinent to the litigation who has been retained by a Party or its counsel to serve as  
23 an expert witness or as a consultant in this Action.

24 2.8 House Counsel: attorneys who are employees of a party to this Action.  
25 House Counsel does not include Outside Counsel of Record or any other outside  
26 counsel.

27 2.9 Non-Party: any natural person, partnership, corporation, association, or  
28 other legal entity not named as a Party to this Action.

2.10 Outside Counsel of Record: attorneys who are not employees of a party to this Action but are retained to represent or advise a party to this Action and have appeared in this Action on behalf of that party or are affiliated with a law firm which has appeared on behalf of that party, and includes support staff.

2.11 Party: any party to this Action, including all of its officers, directors, employees, consultants, retained experts, and Outside Counsel of Record (and their support staffs).

2.12 Producing Party: a Party or Non-Party that produces Disclosure or Discovery Material in this Action.

2.13 Professional Vendors: persons or entities that provide litigation support services (e.g., photocopying, videotaping, translating, preparing exhibits or demonstrations, and organizing, storing, or retrieving data in any form or medium) and their employees and subcontractors.

2.14 Protected Material: any Disclosure or Discovery Material that is designated as "CONFIDENTIAL."

2.15 Receiving Party: a Party that receives Disclosure or Discovery Material from a Producing Party.

### **3 SCOPE**

The protections conferred by this Stipulation and Order cover not only Protected Material (as defined above), but also (1) any information copied or extracted from Protected Material; (2) all copies, excerpts, summaries, or compilations of Protected Material; and (3) any testimony, conversations, or presentations by Parties or their Counsel that might reveal Protected Material. Any use of Protected Material at trial shall be governed by the orders of the trial judge. This Order does not govern the use of Protected Material at trial.

### **4 DURATION**

Even after final disposition of this litigation, the confidentiality obligations imposed by this Order shall remain in effect until a Designating Party agrees

1 otherwise in writing or a Court order otherwise directs. Final disposition shall be  
2 deemed to be the later of (1) dismissal of all claims and defenses in this Action, with  
3 or without prejudice; and (2) final judgment herein after the completion and  
4 exhaustion of all appeals, rehearings, remands, trials, or reviews of this Action,  
5 including the time limits for filing any motions or applications for extension of time  
6 pursuant to applicable law.

## 7 **5 DESIGNATING PROTECTED MATERIAL**

### 8 **5.1 Exercise of Restraint and Care in Designating Material for Protection.**

9 Each Party or Non-Party that designates information or items for protection under  
10 this Order must take care to limit any such designation to specific material that  
11 qualifies under the appropriate standards. The Designating Party must designate for  
12 protection only those parts of material, documents, items, or oral or written  
13 communications that qualify – so that other portions of the material, documents,  
14 items, or communications for which protection is not warranted are not swept  
15 unjustifiably within the ambit of this Order.

16 Mass, indiscriminate, or routinized designations are prohibited. Designations  
17 that are shown to be clearly unjustified or that have been made for an improper  
18 purpose (e.g., to unnecessarily encumber or retard the case development process or  
19 to impose unnecessary expenses and burdens on other parties) may expose the  
20 Designating Party to sanctions.

21 If it comes to a Designating Party's attention that information or items that it  
22 designated for protection do not qualify for protection, that Designating Party must  
23 promptly notify all other Parties that it is withdrawing the inapplicable designation.

24 **5.2 Manner and Timing of Designations.** Except as otherwise provided in  
25 this Order (see, e.g., second paragraph of section 5.2(a) below), or as otherwise  
26 stipulated or ordered, Disclosure or Discovery Material that qualifies for protection  
27 under this Order must be clearly so designated before the material is disclosed or  
28 produced.

1 Designation in conformity with this Order requires:

2 (a) for information in documentary form (e.g., paper or electronic  
3 documents, but excluding transcripts of depositions or other pretrial or trial  
4 proceedings), that the Producing Party affix at a minimum, the legend  
5 “CONFIDENTIAL” (hereinafter “CONFIDENTIAL legend”) to each page that  
6 contains protected material. If only a portion or portions of the material on a page  
7 qualifies for protection, the Producing Party also must clearly identify the protected  
8 portion(s) (e.g., by making appropriate markings in the margins).

9 A Party or Non-Party that makes original documents available for inspection  
10 need not designate them for protection until after the inspecting Party has indicated  
11 which documents it would like copied and produced. During the inspection and  
12 before the designation, all of the material made available for inspection shall be  
13 deemed “CONFIDENTIAL.” After the inspecting Party has identified the  
14 documents it wants copied and produced, the Producing Party must determine which  
15 documents, or portions thereof, qualify for protection under this Order. Then, before  
16 producing the specified documents, the Producing Party must affix the  
17 “CONFIDENTIAL legend” to each page that contains Protected Material. If only a  
18 portion or portions of the material on a page qualifies for protection, the Producing  
19 Party also must clearly identify the protected portion(s) (e.g., by making appropriate  
20 markings in the margins).

21 (b) for testimony given in depositions that the Designating Party identify  
22 the Disclosure or Discovery Material on the record, before the close of the  
23 deposition, hearing, or other proceeding, all protected testimony.

24 (c) for information produced in some form other than documentary and for  
25 any other tangible items, that the Producing Party affix in a prominent place on the  
26 exterior of the container or containers in which the information or item is stored the  
27 legend “CONFIDENTIAL.” If only a portion or portions of the information warrants  
28 protection, the Producing Party, to the extent practicable, shall identify the protected

1 portion(s).

2 5.3 Inadvertent Failures to Designate. If timely corrected, an inadvertent  
3 failure to designate qualified information or items does not, standing alone, waive  
4 the Designating Party's right to secure protection under this Order for such material.  
5 Upon timely correction of a designation, the Receiving Party must make reasonable  
6 efforts to assure that the material is treated in accordance with the provisions of this  
7 Order.

## 8 **6 CHALLENGING CONFIDENTIALITY DESIGNATIONS**

9 6.1 Timing of Challenges. Any Party or Non-Party may challenge a  
10 designation of confidentiality at any time that is consistent with the Court's  
11 Scheduling Order.

12 6.2 Meet and Confer. The Challenging Party shall initiate the dispute  
13 resolution process resolution process under Local Rule 37.1 et seq.

14 6.3 The burden of persuasion in any such challenge proceeding shall be on  
15 the Designating Party. Frivolous challenges, and those made for an improper  
16 purpose (e.g., to harass or impose unnecessary expenses and burdens on other  
17 parties) may expose the Challenging Party to sanctions. Unless the Designating  
18 Party has waived or withdrawn the confidentiality designation, all parties shall  
19 continue to afford the material in question the level of protection to which it is  
20 entitled under the Producing Party's designation until the Court rules on the  
21 challenge.

## 22 **7 ACCESS TO AND USE OF PROTECTED MATERIAL**

23 7.1 Basic Principles. A Receiving Party may use Protected Material that is  
24 disclosed or produced by another Party or by a Non-Party in connection with this  
25 Action only for prosecuting, defending, or attempting to settle this Action. Such  
26 Protected Material may be disclosed only to the categories of persons and under the  
27 conditions described in this Order. When the Action has been terminated, a  
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1 Receiving Party must comply with the provisions of section 13 below (FINAL  
2 DISPOSITION).

3 Protected Material must be stored and maintained by a Receiving Party at a  
4 location and in a secure manner that ensures that access is limited to the persons  
5 authorized under this Order.

6 7.2 Disclosure of “CONFIDENTIAL” Information or Items. Unless  
7 otherwise ordered by the Court or permitted in writing by the Designating Party, a  
8 Receiving Party may disclose any information or item designated  
9 “CONFIDENTIAL” only to:

10 (a) the Receiving Party’s Outside Counsel of Record in this Action, as well  
11 as employees of said Outside Counsel of Record to whom it is reasonably necessary  
12 to disclose the information for this Action;

13 (b) the officers, directors, and employees (including House Counsel) of the  
14 Receiving Party to whom disclosure is reasonably necessary for this Action ;

15 (c) Experts (as defined in this Order) of the Receiving Party to whom  
16 disclosure is reasonably necessary for this litigation;

17 (d) the Court and its personnel;

18 (e) Court reporters and their staff,

19 (f) professional jury or trial consultants, mock jurors, and Professional  
20 Vendors to whom disclosure is reasonably necessary for this Action and who have  
21 signed the “Acknowledgment and Agreement to Be Bound” (Exhibit A);

22 (g) the author or recipient of a document containing the information or a  
23 custodian or other person who otherwise possessed or knew the information;

24 (h) during their depositions, witnesses, and attorneys for witnesses, in the  
25 Action to whom disclosure is reasonably necessary provided: (1) that the witness  
26 sign the form attached as Exhibit 1 hereto; and (2) they will not be permitted to keep  
27 any confidential information, unless otherwise agreed by the Designating Party or  
28 ordered by the court. Pages of transcribed deposition testimony or exhibits to



depositions that reveal Protected Material may be separately bound by the court reporter and may not be disclosed to anyone except as permitted under this Stipulated Protective Order; and

(i) any mediator or settlement officer, and their supporting personnel, mutually agreed upon by any of the parties engaged in settlement discussions.

## **8 PROTECTED MATERIAL SUBPOENAED OR ORDERED PRODUCED IN OTHER LITIGATION**

If a Party is served with a subpoena or a court order issued in other litigation that compels disclosure of any information or items designated in this Action as “CONFIDENTIAL,” that Party must:

(a) promptly notify in writing the Designating Party. Such notification shall include a copy of the subpoena or court order;

(b) promptly notify in writing the party who caused the subpoena or order to issue in the other litigation that some or all of the material covered by the subpoena or order is subject to this Protective Order. Such notification shall include a copy of this Stipulated Protective Order; and

(c) cooperate with respect to all reasonable procedures sought to be pursued by the Designating Party whose Protected Material may be affected.

If the Designating Party timely seeks a protective order, the Party served with the subpoena or court order shall not produce any information designated in this Action as “CONFIDENTIAL” before a determination by the Court from which the subpoena or order issued, unless the Party has obtained the Designating Party’s permission. The Designating Party shall bear the burden and expense of seeking protection in that court of its confidential material – and nothing in these provisions should be construed as authorizing or encouraging a Receiving Party in this Action to disobey a lawful directive from another court.

**9 A NON-PARTY'S PROTECTED MATERIAL SOUGHT TO BE**  
**PRODUCED IN THIS LITIGATION**

(a) The terms of this Order are applicable to information produced by a Non-Party in this Action and designated as "CONFIDENTIAL." Such information produced by Non-Parties in connection with this litigation is protected by the remedies and relief provided by this Order. Nothing in these provisions should be construed as prohibiting a Non-Party from seeking additional protections.

(b) In the event that a Party is required, by a valid discovery request, to produce a Non-Party's confidential information in its possession, and the Party is subject to an agreement with the Non-Party not to produce the Non-Party's confidential information, then the Party shall:

(1) promptly notify in writing the Requesting Party and the Non-Party that some or all of the information requested is subject to a confidentiality agreement with a Non-Party;

(2) promptly provide the Non-Party with a copy of the Stipulated Protective Order in this Action, the relevant discovery request(s), and a reasonably specific description of the information requested; and

(3) make the information requested available for inspection by the Non-Party.

(c) If the Non-Party fails to seek a protective order from this Court within 14 days of receiving the notice and accompanying information, the Receiving Party may produce the Non-Party's confidential information responsive to the discovery request. If the Non-Party timely seeks a protective order, the Receiving Party shall not produce any information in its possession or control that is subject to the confidentiality agreement with the Non-Party before a determination by the court. Absent a court order to the contrary, the Non-Party shall bear the burden and expense of seeking protection in this court of its Protected Material.

**10 UNAUTHORIZED DISCLOSURE OF PROTECTED MATERIAL**

If a Receiving Party learns that, by inadvertence or otherwise, it has disclosed Protected Material to any person or in any circumstance not authorized under this Stipulated Protective Order, the Receiving Party must immediately (a) notify in writing the Designating Party of the unauthorized disclosures, (b) use its best efforts to retrieve all unauthorized copies of the Protected Material, (c) inform the person or persons to whom unauthorized disclosures were made of all the terms of this Order, and (d) request such person or persons to execute the “Acknowledgment and Agreement to Be Bound” that is attached hereto as Exhibit A.

**11 INADVERTENT PRODUCTION OF PRIVILEGED OR OTHERWISE PROTECTED MATERIAL**

When a Producing Party gives notice to Receiving Parties that certain inadvertently produced material is subject to a claim of privilege or other protection, the obligations of the Receiving Parties are those set forth in Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 26(b)(5)(B). This provision is not intended to modify whatever procedure may be established in an e-discovery order that provides for production without prior privilege review. Pursuant to Federal Rule of Evidence 502(d) and (e), insofar as the parties reach an agreement on the effect of disclosure of a communication or information covered by the attorney-client privilege or work product protection, the parties may incorporate their agreement in the stipulated protective order submitted to the Court.

**12 MISCELLANEOUS**

12.1 Right to Further Relief. Nothing in this Order abridges the right of any person to seek its modification by the Court in the future.

12.2 Right to Assert Other Objections. By stipulating to the entry of this Protective Order no Party waives any right it otherwise would have to object to disclosing or producing any information or item on any ground not addressed in this

1 Stipulated Protective Order. Similarly, no Party waives any right to object on any  
2 ground to use in evidence of any of the material covered by this Protective Order.

3 12.3 Filing Protected Material. A Party that seeks to file under seal any  
4 Protected Material must comply with Civil Local Rule 79-5. Protected Material may  
5 only be filed under seal pursuant to a court order authorizing the sealing of the  
6 specific Protected Material at issue. If a Party's request to file Protected Material  
7 under seal is denied by the court, then the Receiving Party may file the information  
8 in the public record unless otherwise instructed by the court.

### 9 **13 FINAL DISPOSITION**

10 After the final disposition of this Action, as defined in paragraph 4, within 60  
11 days of a written request by the Designating Party, each Receiving Party must return  
12 all Protected Material to the Producing Party or destroy such material. As used in  
13 this subdivision, "all Protected Material" includes all copies, abstracts, compilations,  
14 summaries, and any other format reproducing or capturing any of the Protected  
15 Material. Whether the Protected Material is returned or destroyed, the Receiving  
16 Party must submit a written certification to the Producing Party (and, if not the same  
17 person or entity, to the Designating Party) by the 60 day deadline that (1) identifies  
18 (by category, where appropriate) all the Protected Material that was returned or  
19 destroyed and (2) affirms that the Receiving Party has not retained any copies,  
20 abstracts, compilations, summaries or any other format reproducing or capturing any  
21 of the Protected Material. Notwithstanding this provision, Counsel are entitled to  
22 retain an archival copy of all pleadings, motion papers, trial, deposition, and hearing  
23 transcripts, legal memoranda, correspondence, deposition and trial exhibits, expert  
24 reports, attorney work product, and consultant and expert work product, even if such  
25 materials contain Protected Material. Any such archival copies that contain or  
26 constitute Protected Material remain subject to this Protective Order as set forth in  
27 Section 4 (DURATION).

28 14. Any violation of this Order may be punished by any and all appropriate

1 measures including, without limitation, contempt proceedings and/or monetary  
2 sanctions.

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8 IT IS SO STIPULATED, THROUGH COUNSEL OF RECORD.

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10 DATED: July 29, 2024

/s/ Adam McNeile  
ADAM MCNEILE  
Attorney for Plaintiffs

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12 DATED: July 29, 2024

/s/ Fredrick Levin  
FREDRICK LEVIN  
Attorney for Defendant GOODLEAP, LLC

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14 **FILER'S ATTESTATION**

15 Pursuant to Local Rule 5-4.3.4(a)(2)(i), I hereby attest that the content of this  
16 document has been approved by counsel for Defendant Goodleap, LLC, and that  
17 he has authorized this filing with his electronic signature.

18 Dated: July 29, 2024

KEMNITZER, BARRON & KRIEG, LLP

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20 By: /s/ Adam J. McNeile  
Adam J. McNeile  
Attorneys for Plaintiffs

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22 PURSUANT TO STIPULATION, IT IS SO ORDERED.

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24 DATED: August 5, 2024

  
HON. SHERI PYM  
United States Magistrate Judge

EXHIBIT A

ACKNOWLEDGMENT AND AGREEMENT TO BE BOUND

I, \_\_\_\_\_ [print or type full name], of  
 \_\_\_\_\_ [print or type full address], declare under penalty of perjury  
 that I have read in its entirety and understand the Stipulated Protective Order that  
 was issued by the United States District Court for the Central District of California  
 on [date] in the of ***Perez v. GoodLeap, LLC, United States District Court,***  
**Central District of California, Case No. 5:24-cv-00075-SSS-SP.** I agree to  
 comply with and to be bound by all the terms of this Stipulated Protective Order  
 and I understand and acknowledge that failure to so comply could expose me to  
 sanctions and punishment in the nature of contempt. I solemnly promise that I will  
 not disclose in any manner any information or item that is subject to this Stipulated  
 Protective Order to any person or entity except in strict compliance with the  
 provisions of this Order.

I further agree to submit to the jurisdiction of the United States District Court for  
 the Central District of California for the purpose of enforcing the terms of this  
 Stipulated Protective Order, even if such enforcement proceedings occur after  
 termination of this action. I hereby appoint \_\_\_\_\_ [print  
 or type full name] of \_\_\_\_\_ [print or  
 type full address and telephone number] as my California agent for service of  
 process in connection with this action or any proceedings related to enforcement of  
 this Stipulated Protective Order.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

City and State where sworn and signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_